

# NOAA FISHERIES

## 2003 Constituent Sessions

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# **The State of US Marine Fisheries**

**I am pleased to tell you**

**is**

**IMPROVING**

# Let me tell you why:

- In the last five years, we have reduced the number of stocks from both the overfished and overfishing categories:

*Overfished - 20 removed 7 added = + 13*

*Overfishing - 26 removed 12 added = + 14*

- 70 rebuilding plans have been put in place

# **My presentation will focus on:**

- **Value of US Marine Fisheries:  
Commercial statistics, Recreational  
Statistics, and Import/Export  
Statistics**
- **How the New England area is doing**
- **Challenges and Goals**

# **Overview of US Marine Fisheries**

# U. S. Recreational Fishery Statistics

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- Over 17 million participants
- Over 65 million fishing trips per year
- Over 135 thousand metric tons landed per year
- Economic impact of more than \$30 billion
- More than 349,000 jobs supported



# Commercial Fisheries

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**U.S. Domestic PLUS U.S. Flag Vessel landing imports outside of U.S. Internal Water Processing, Joint Ventures and Canadian Boat Transfers**

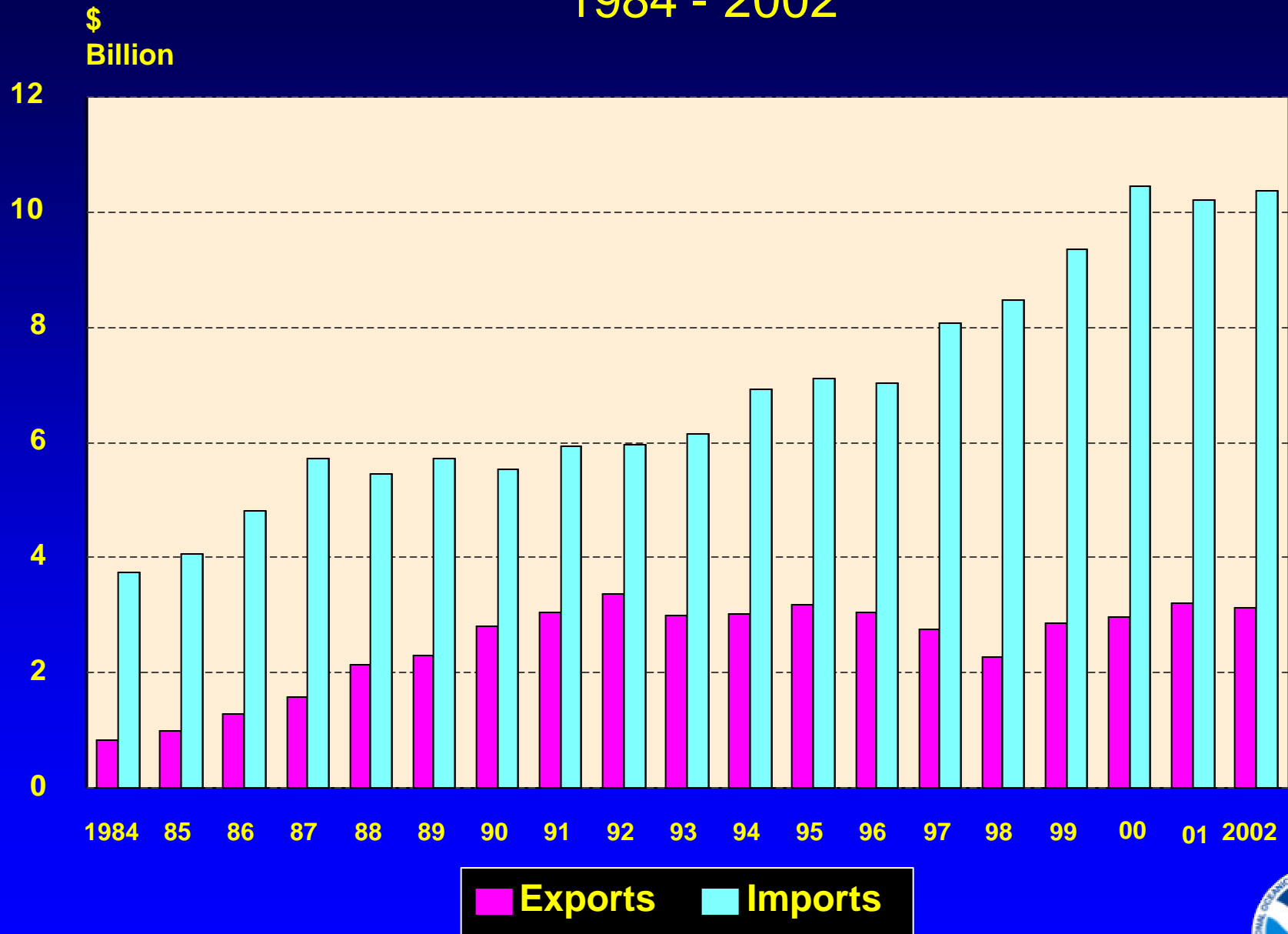
<u>Year</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<b>2002</b>	<b>9.8 billion</b>	<b>3.2 billion</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>9.8 billion</b>	<b>3.3 billion</b>

✓ **World's 4th largest fishing nation**

- **Imports valued at \$19.7 billion (2002)**
- **Exports valued at \$11.7 billion (2002)**
- **Fish consumption 14.8 lb per person (2001)**

# U.S. SEAFOOD EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

1984 - 2002

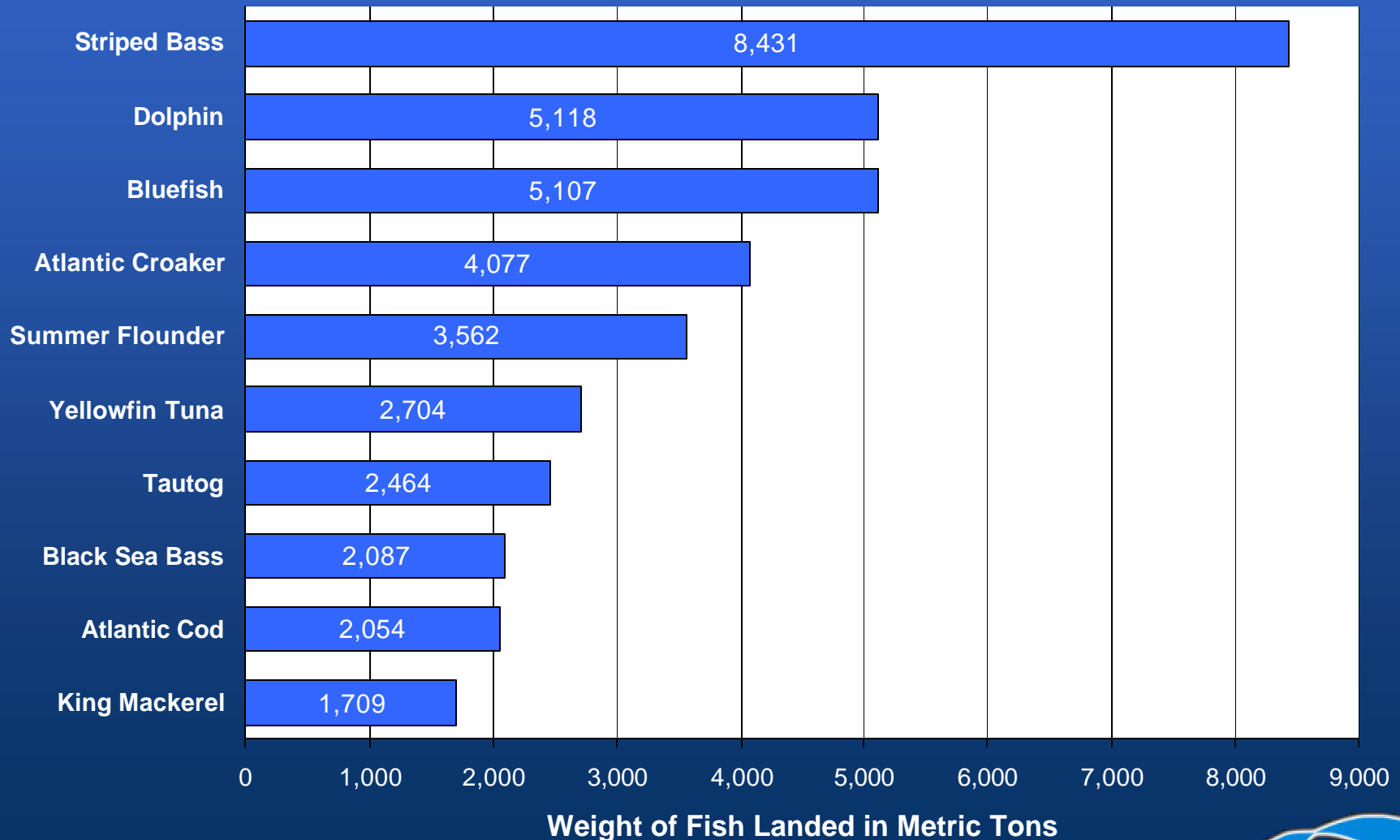




**How is your region doing?**  
**Northeast Region**  
**Statistics and Issues**

# U.S. Recreational Fishery Landings Top Ten Species on Atlantic Coast

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# 2002 Commercial Landings

## Top Five New England Species

Species	Million Pounds	Species	Million Dollars
Herring	150.8	Lobster	293.3
Lobster	82.3	Sea scallops	201.1
Scallops	52.3	Flounders	44.6
Monkfish	50.2	Monkfish	37.2
Flounders	39.5	Haddock	19.1

# NOAA Fisheries in New England

- *Highlights*

- Expanding human population and coastal development
- Conflicts among a diverse mix of stakeholders
- Fisheries that produce significant bycatch
- 80% of commercial and recreational fisheries depend on estuaries and coastal wetlands
- Marine mammals and ESA Section 7 consultations
- 17,000 fishing vessels
- 1.5 billion pounds of seafood harvested with a dockside value of \$1 billion
- 3.5 million recreational anglers on 30 million trips

# **Challenges Facing NOAA Fisheries And Its Constituents**

- **Reauthorization of Magnuson-Stevens Act and MMPA**
- **Refining Essential Fish Habitat**

# My Top Ten Goals

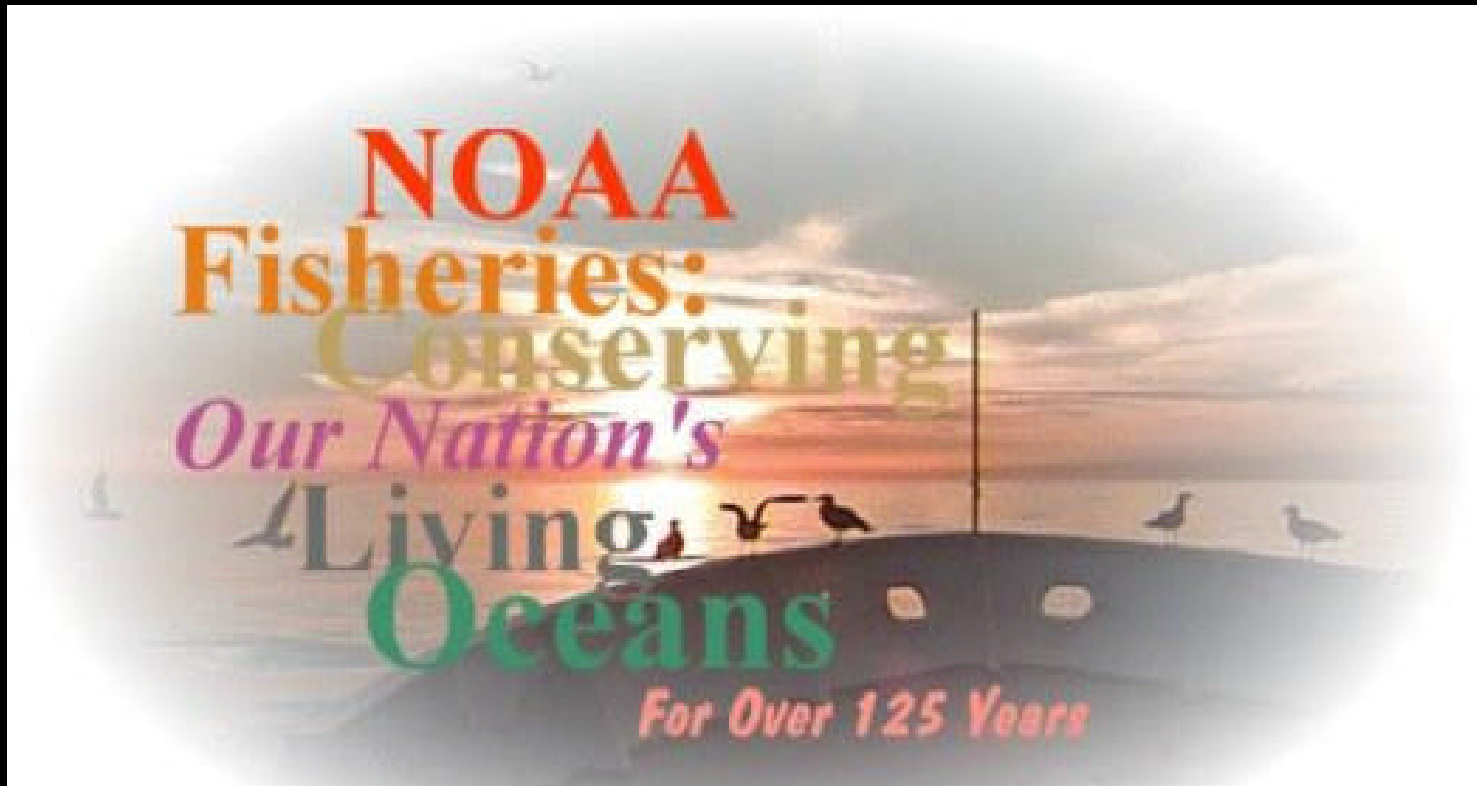
1. Review National Standard 1 Guidelines
2. Explore Ecosystem-based management
3. Stabilize fisheries for maximum economic benefit and improve rebuilding plans
4. Increase communication and cooperative research with industry
5. Promote U.S. seafood



# My Top Ten Goals- cont.

6. Incorporate ocean observing system
7. Minimize bycatch and develop new gear technology
8. Develop pilot projects in aquaculture
9. Improve timeliness and responsiveness in management
10. Export gear technology internationally to help recover endangered species





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